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1. The Soviet Consulate in Tientsin has been closed since soon after the liberation, and only some functions of interest to the Soviet community are carried on now. Expired passports are not extended. People are told that the ones they have are sufficient for residence in Tientsin.
2. The Soviet Information Service is still functioning. A Soviet citizen was visited at his home by a Chinese Communist soldier, who recommended that even though he could not read Russian he should visit the Soviet Information Service and look at the pictures.
3. Wealthier members of the Soviet community have been heavily assessed. Some have been paying as much as the equivalent of \$25 a month for the support of such institutions as schools and clubs.
4. The Kunst Club, Tientsin Russian Jewish club, was taken over by the Soviets on 16 June 1949.* Balloting was open and members opposing the move were afraid to vote against it, especially as the Club committee and the Soviet Consulate handled the voting. None of the opposition dared appeal to the local Chinese Communist authorities to intervene.

* See

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